

“Thanks to Progress Energy participants in the program are going to be exposed to best practices not only from within the educational community but from the world of business,” said John Dornan, Executive Director of the Public School Forum. “Our two goals for the program are to give school leaders facing some of the most severe educational challenges in the state new tools that can help them build stronger schools while grooming a new generation of educational leaders for North Carolina.”

In addition to the classroom training, the Institute allows the participants to learn from their peers in other North Carolina counties and to share their passion for learning and innovation across county lines. The Public School Forum is drawing on over 15 years of service and previous leadership program models to facilitate the Progress Energy Leadership Institute.

“North Carolina schools deserve world-class leadership,” said Cavanaugh. “Providing this training for school leaders will bring out their greatness. In turn, they will create a climate of excellence among teachers and students in their communities that will help shape North Carolina for decades to come.”

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